



WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Blvd.
Tuesday - November 29, 2011 at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Westminster Traffic Commission was called to order by Chairman A. Nguyen on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Commissioner Carey led the members of the audience in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Andrew Nguyen, Diana Carey, Gilbert Cruz and Ken Robbins

Commissioners Absent: Linh Nguyen

Staff Present: Adolfo Ozaeta, Associate Civil Engineer and Veronica Johnson, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Traffic Commission's regular meeting of October 25, 2011 were approved 4-0, with Commissioner L. Nguyen being absent.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

The only item to be considered at this evening's meeting was T.C. 89-110, Request for Parking Restrictions on Hazard Avenue at Archway Road.

T.C. 89-110 Hazard Avenue

Mr. Ozaeta informed the Commission that staff received a written request from Roy Bagley, 10191 Bellehurst Avenue, concerning sight visibility at subject location. He does not believe there is enough sight distance from the east and to the west of the intersection in order to safely perform a turn maneuver from Archway Road onto Hazard Avenue.

Mr. Ozaeta directed attention to Exhibit A, an aerial photograph of the study area. He pointed out that Archway Road is a main entrance into the community and is stop controlled at a T-Intersection that meets with Hazard Avenue. Hazard Avenue is uncontrolled east and west.

Mr. Ozaeta provided details on the challenges of balancing parking restrictions by either restricting parking for public safety and/or allowing an overflow of parking. Parking is considered a commodity in the City. The larger trucks that obstruct the view, big rigs and casino buses, park in the area regularly due to convenience, avoiding storage fees

and our relaxed fines. Our police department is working on an ordinance and staff is requesting that the Commission speak with Council to encourage them to help alleviate the problem.

Mr. Ozaeta explained that staff did not perform the 5 second sight visibility analysis because the parking segment would have required 180 feet of parking restrictions. At this time, staff would like to offer their best traffic engineering judgment and provide reasonable segments to accommodate both enhanced sight visibility and parking.

STAFF'S

RECOMMENDATION

Staff's recommendation was for the installation of parking restrictions on the south side of Hazard Avenue for a distance of 88 feet to the east and 100 feet to the west of Archway Road.

Roy Bagley, 10191 Bellehurst Avenue, spoke in favor of parking restrictions and commented on Mr. Ozaeta's fine presentation. He added that the subject location is an issue, having lived there for 33 years; he has watched the traffic only get worse as this area has become a major truck route.

Chairman A. Nguyen questioned Mr. Bagley when he thought the problem had started and Mr. Bagley stated there has always been a problem on Hazard. After the City had posted a 2 hour limit sign, this cut down on a lot of parking; however, the sign is not very visible and is being covered by a bush, and the trucks and casino buses still park there.

Chairman A. Nguyen elaborated on the City's continuous problem with casino buses.

Mr. Bagley informed the Commission that he is very familiar with the casino bus problem and would like to only address the safety issue of sight visibility tonight.

Commissioner Carey commented that she had visited the area last Saturday and did not find any cars parked on the southeast side and found plenty of parking on the west side. She fully supports staff's recommendation and did not find any large trucks parked in the area; although, it may not have been a typical day.

Commissioner Cruz's only concern was that the posted sign covered by a bush and Mr. Ozaeta explained they would look into the matter.

Vice Chairman Robbins agreed with Commissioner Carey's findings. He requested that staff investigate Petsworth Lane also, as he has observed one section being red and suggested the same markings be painted on the east side.

Mr. Ozaeta reported he had received two anonymous phone calls in favor of the parking restrictions. One resident, who was in support, stated that he did not believe this particular approach is the solution. The one particular gentleman would like to collect additional information through his neighbors regarding the big rigs parking in the area and will be in contact soon.

Mr. Ozaeta stated that they are looking into an ordinance to increase the fees for parked big rigs and buses and would also like to define the term movement after two hours. Other cities collect steep fines of \$500 while our City's fine is approximately \$30.

MOTION

Commissioner Carey moved to approve the installation of parking restrictions on the south side of Hazard Avenue for a distance of 88 feet to the east and 100 feet to the west of Archway Road, seconded by Vice Chairman Robbins.

VOTE

The motion was carried by a 4-0 vote, with Commissioner L. Nguyen being absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman A. Nguyen notified the Commission that the upcoming December 27, 2011 Traffic Committee Meeting will be cancelled due to the City's furlough.

Mrs. Johnson informed the Commission that the Board, Commission and Committee Member's Appreciation & Holiday Reception will be held on the 12th of December in the A/B Room of the Community Services Building at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Carey inquired about the intersection between Duncannon & the Valley View Bridge. She noticed the sidewalk comes up and ends and has witnessed people walking in the street. She observed that a sidewalk will be positioned on the east side of the bridge and would like to know more about the plans. Mr. Ozaeta explained they will be submitting four project applications

to OCTA this Friday: One, being a widening project at the intersection of Magnolia Street and Bolsa Avenue to accommodate a second left turn lane into Little Saigon and a northbound left lane. Secondly, institute a 3rd travel lane in the northbound direction from Duncannon to Old Bolsa Chica Road, which will include landscaping, lighting and sidewalk improvements. Thirdly, the additional two projects will be signal timing projects along the entire corridor of Bolsa Avenue and Edinger Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Cruz stated that there was more graffiti at the 13800 block of Arizona and Mr. Ozaeta explained he will forward the information to the Code Enforcement Department.

Commissioner Cruz conveyed that he waited over two minutes at the traffic signal located at All American Way and Westminster Boulevard around 12:30 p.m. and Mr. Ozaeta explained he would research the matter.

Discussion ensued among the Commission regarding the striping at Westminster Boulevard and Monroe Street.

Mr. Ozaeta stated that staff installed new illuminated street name panels on Main Street and Iroquois Road, which will be the new prototype for the entire City. Also regarding Springdale, they are looking into the rest in red and setting the advanced loops as extension loops rather than call loops.

Discussion followed regarding last month's item regarding the signal timing on Springdale.

INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no "Information and Reports" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no "Oral Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no "Written Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**ITEMS
COMMISSIONERS
MAY WISH TO
DISCUSS**

There were no "Items Commissioners may wish to Discuss" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

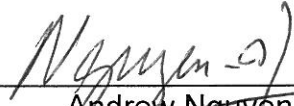
**ITEMS STAFF MAY
WISH TO DISCUSS**

There were no "Items Staff May Wish to Discuss" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

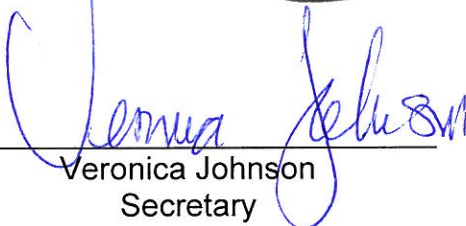
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrew Nguyen
Chairman



Veronica Johnson
Secretary